

Amendments to the Drawings:

The attached sheet of drawings includes changes to Figs. 11A-11D. As described in detail below, Figs. 11A-11D have been designated as "Prior Art." This sheet, which includes Figs. 11A-11D, replaces the original sheet including Figs. 11A-11D.

Attachment: Replacement Sheet

REMARKS

The Official Action mailed January 21, 2005, has been received and its contents carefully noted. This response is filed within three months of the mailing date of the Official Action and therefore is believed to be timely without extension of time. Accordingly, the Applicants respectfully submit that this response is being timely filed.

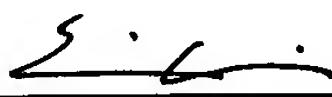
The Applicants note with appreciation the consideration of the Information Disclosure Statements filed on September 24, 2003 and November 4, 2004.

Claims 1-25 were pending in the present application prior to the above amendment. The Applicants note with appreciation the allowance of claims 1-25. For the reasons set forth in detail below, all claims are believed to be in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration is requested.

The Official Action objects to Figs. 11A-11D as lacking a designation such as "Prior Art." As required by the Official Action, the Applicants have amended Figs. 11A-11D to include the designation "Prior Art," as shown in the attached replacement sheets. Reconsideration is requested.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable to place this application in better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the Applicants' undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,



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